

PTA Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

In attendance:

Casey Braun  
Kristi Amendola  
Jill Kelley  
Moirra McGovern  
Megan Corrigan  
Kerrie Samuelian  
Kara Caforio  
Kristie Szejner  
Heidi Maier  
Stacy Hildy  
Beth Hosler  
Patti Berner  
Chris Ferreri  
Michelle Caruso  
Natalie Perry  
Ana Nichols  
Dave Moyer  
Melea Smith  
Phil Fernandez

Call to order at 7:15pm by Casey Braun.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from December 2017 meeting by: Jill Kelley and Stacy Hildy

**Superintendent Update:** Dr. David Moyer

District planning process has continued to build from previous engagement conversations (Focus 205, Thought Exchange). One of the recommendations was to complete a Master Facilities plans. An initial draft concept has been created and was presented to the board on January 27<sup>th</sup>. BOE asked for additional financial information which will be presented at the next board meeting. Hoping to get authorization from the board to get more input from the community on these initial ideas, including putting together a Community Advisory Group. This will help give us a roadmap and direction for the district facilities within a comprehensive context.

Questions:

- (1) Are there safety & security concerns that will be addressed in this plan? Plan will include changes for any building that needs more secure entrances and possible technological upgrades.

- (2) Can some of the meetings be held on site to help people understand exactly what needs to be done to update some of the facilities? Yes, that's a possibility. There is a community engagement plan to do some virtual walk-throughs to help with this as well.
- (3) Who will be involved in the Community Advisory Committee? Currently compiling a list of people from a variety of schools with varying perspectives as an initial starting point. Anyone who is interested in participating can have a role at some point. Let Dr. Moyer know if you are interested.

**School Board Update:** Kara Cafario

The BOE approved the Middle School proposed schedule and the Dual Language program. The BOE is attempting to interact and engage the community in new ways. Ultimately, we want everyone to feel proud of our schools as the heart of the community.

**District Communications:** Melea Smith

Making a bigger effort to have a strong social media presence. Please take a look at it and 'like' and 'share'. Annual Youth Service Awards are being accepted. Nominations are due by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Youth job and volunteer fair on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm at York HS.

**Board reports:**

Scholarship- Heidi Maier reported that Fanny Mae order form went home this week. Due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Ladies who Lunch is this Friday and is sold out. Elmhurst Brewing night is also sold out. Waitlist has started. The scholarship application will be posted within the next week.

**Presidents Report-** Casey Braun gave a big thank you for everyone's help with the Middle School information session in January. Feedback was positive and it seemed to be a good way to help ask/answer questions.

**Reflections-** Reception will be at the Elmhurst Art Museum this weekend from 11-5 and then at the Judith B Salon through March 9<sup>th</sup>. Closing ceremony at 6:30pm on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Questions from school PTA Presidents:

- 1) Will there be a keynote speaker at the beginning of the year? Yes, hopefully Eric Sheninger will speak on the evening after the first institute day.
- 2) Any standing rules about outside entities wanting to participate in a fundraising event? Maybe check the District facilities agreement for some general guidelines?
- 3) Next Superintendent Coffee will be at Jackson on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Is there a topic or agenda that you can speak to? Spend some time talking about the facilities engagement process first and then open it up for more general comments or questions.
- 4) Encourage discussion about emergency procedures and policies. Suggest it for a topic for a PTA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by Phil Fernandez Ana Nicols.